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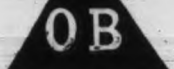


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MAGISTRATE ARRESTED SON.

Youth stole \$50,000 and fled to Brussels
With Woman—Part of Money
Returned.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Jan. 27.—M. Baco, a magistrate in
the Passy quarter, has had to perform the
unpleasant duty of arresting his own son,
aged 20 years, on a charge of theft. The
sum of \$50,000 was recently stolen from
the Christian Brothers College at Passy.

and evidently by a person familiar with
the institution. M. Baco was appointed
to investigate, and he found evidence that
the thief was his own son. The boy, ac-
companied by a young woman, had fled to
Brussels with the money. He was formerly
a pupil at the college. The father followed
his son to Brussels and induced him to re-
turn to French soil, where he was promptly
arrested. Only a small part of the money
was missing and the remainder has been
returned to the Christian Brothers, who
declare they will not prosecute young
Baco.

RUSSIA STRIVING TO AVOID CONFLICT

LAMSDORFF CONFERS WITH JAPANESE MINISTER

While French Officials Hope for Peace,
They Admit Situation is Still
Critical.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Jan. 27.—Official advices re-
ceived here from St. Petersburg show
that Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, before
giving Russia's answer, has called on the
Japanese minister, M. Kurino. The two
ministers are now conferring with the
view of so shaping the responses as to
avoid a conflict. This is considered to
be an explanation of the dispatch from
St. Petersburg saying Japan has requested
Russia to hasten her reply.

As Count Lamsdorff and M. Kurino
are having conferences prior to the sub-
mission of the reply it is regarded as an
evidence of Japan's insistence on an
early reply and of Russia's desire to
avoid a response which might precipitate
hostilities. Count Lamsdorff's course
in conferring with M. Kurino before an-
swering is cited as showing Russia's
willingness to go to the last limit in or-
der to avoid war, but it is added if the
efforts of Russia fail she will be pre-
pared to strike very hard blows from the
outside.

All information reaching the highest
quarters here tends to show that the
crisis continues acute. It appears to be
the accepted conviction in governmental
circles that the final determination be-
tween peace and war cannot be long de-
ferred. The officials continue to hope
for peace, but they make the reservation
that the discouraging aspect which the
situation assumed during the last few
days has not been ameliorated.

Categorical denial is given as far as
France is concerned to the Pekin mes-
sage that the French minister is taking
part in negotiations with the view of
the mediation of France, Great Britain
and the United States. Foreign Minister
Delcasse has not given any instructions
to the minister at Pekin permitting ex-
changes of that character, and the min-
ister has not reported such movement.
That portion of the report representing
France as being behind Russia in urging
mediation and the United States and
Great Britain as opposed to mediation,
is construed here as an effort to create
the impression that Great Britain and
the United States are acting together
and apart from France, whereas the
officials maintain that there has not been
the slightest divergence or formation of
any political groups between the powers
of Europe and America concerning the
means of avoiding a conflict.

Will Concentrate Troops.

Port Arthur, Jan. 27.—It is reported
that about 150 wagons loaded with army
stores have left Liao Yang daily for the
past four days for Yalu river, where it is
intended to concentrate 8,000 Port
Arthur and Mukden troops. The authori-
ties claim that the hostility of Japan
compels this course. Russia has hitherto
avoided alarming Korea.

Korean Neutrality.

Seoul, Jan. 27.—The peddlers, with the
permission of the government, are levy-
ing blackmail on all wealthy houses in
Seoul, except those of the high officials,
on pretext of guarding the houses. If
a riot should occur, a thousand soldiers
will be sent south to quell the insurrec-
tion.

The Korean government believes that
declaration of neutrality would prevent
any foreign troops from landing in
Korea.

May Employ Russians.

Tokyo, Jan. 27.—The Jiji Shimpu says
that Russia and Korea have agreed that
if Russian soldiers be employed to guard
the palace at Seoul, those troops will
come from Port Arthur in the middle of
February.

Minister's Statement.

London, Jan. 27.—Baron Hayashi, the
Japanese minister to Great Britain, said
to a reporter of the Associated Press
this evening: "There is no block in the
negotiations, at least so far as Japan
is concerned. Much that has been pub-
lished regarding the contents of the Japa-
nese note is quite imaginary and there
is also in the note a great deal of which
the public knows nothing."

FELL INTO BAY.

Nephew of T. Sullins, Who Lost Wife
and Children in Clallam Disaster,
Drowned.

(Special to the Times.)

Port Townsend, Wn., Jan. 27.—Char-
les Brown, of Astoria, Ore., fell in the
bay here at midnight last night and was
drowned. He had been drinking heavily
all evening. Brown was a nephew of
Thos. L. Sullins, who lost his wife and
three children in the Clallam disaster.
Mr. Sullins had left him some time be-
fore the drowning occurred. Brown's
father died here recently, and his death
makes the eighth in the family in less
than a month. His mother lives in
Seattle.

The concert of Mme. Patti and her
company at Butte, Mont., did not come
off as expected. Mme. Patti's manager
refused to let her appear, saying that the
high altitude and the smelter smoke had
already affected her vocal voice and he
feared to take the risks on the remainder
of the trip.

FEARED LOSS OF STEAMER.

The Seacolin Believed to Have Gone
Down With All Aboard in
Douglas Channel.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Jan. 27.—Steamer Seacolin,
which for the past five years has been
operating on the mail route between
Juneau and Sumdum, is believed to have
been lost with all on board. On January
20th she was twelve days overdue.
Efforts are being made to get the
revenue cutter Rush to go in search of the
steamer.

The Seacolin is a little freight and pas-
senger boat which plies between the two
points mentioned. The route is Douglas
channel, and the distance separating the
places is about twenty miles. The lo-
cality is in the vicinity of where the
Islander was sunk by an iceberg a few
years ago. The route, although short, is
exposed to the heavy winds which sweep
down Lynn canal. The Amur had a
taste of these when last in the north.
The C. P. R. liner, it will be remem-
bered, reported very severe weather in Lynn
canal, and experienced it just about the
time the Seacolin disappeared. Several of
her crew were frost bitten and the people
of Skagway described her appearance
when arriving as like that of an iceberg
with smoke coming out of the top of it.
The Seacolin being very small would feel
the gale with greater force, and in a
blinding snowstorm may also have struck
an iceberg. She is a vessel about the
size of the tug Sadie, only all housed in,
and was employed in carrying freight
and passengers between Juneau and the
mining camp at Sumdum. The vessel
would probably carry a crew of five men.
She was built at San Francisco in 1883.
She was 21 tons gross and 20 tons net,
her dimensions being 16.9 feet long, 13
feet beam and 8 feet depth of hold.

LIBERAL RETURNED FOR NORTH OXFORD

LEADS BY MORE THAN
ONE THOUSAND VOTES

Col. Munro, the New Member, Secured
Record Majority in the Ontario
By-Election.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The by-election in
North Oxford, rendered vacant by the
death of A. Pattullo, took place yester-
day and resulted in the return of the
Liberal candidate, Col. Munro. The
latest returns give Col. Munro a majority
of considerably over one thousand. Col.
Munro gets the largest majority that any
Liberal ever got in a straight contest be-
tween two parties. In Woodstock,
where Bob Birmingham and his Tory
machine worked, the Conservative, Mr.
Butler, got good support, but the county
was overwhelmingly Liberal. Butler was
a Woodstock man, and this, with the
fact that the Woodstock Liberals were
supporting a local man in the convention,
accounted for the large Conservative
vote in that town.

G. Powell Dead.

Grant Powell, who for many years was
under secretary of state, died to-day at
noon.

TRAINS IN COLLISION.

Doctor Known to Be Dead—Others May
Have Perished in the Wreck.

(Associated Press.)

Diaz, Ark., Jan. 27.—A southbound
passenger train on the St. Louis, Iron
Mountain & Southern road, and a Bates-
ville branch train, crashed together near
here late last night, killing Mr. Berkeley
of Newport, Ark., and scattering three un-
known women. The Batesville train
was destroyed by fire, and two cars of
the through train were burned. It is
possible others may have perished. A
relief train with five physicians has gone
from here.

INDIANS DANCING.

Serious Uprising is Feared and There
Is Much Uneasiness.

(Associated Press.)

Muskogee, I. T., Jan. 27.—Signs of a
threatened Indian uprising continue to
be reported by runners from the vicinity
of Peckman's Gap, in the southern part
of Cherokee Nation, and much uneasiness
is felt. The Keetowahs are flock-
ing in large numbers here, and it is re-
ported they are holding dances
nightly. It is feared the Snakes, who
are displaying great restlessness, will
join them.

THE LEAD BONUS.

G. O. Buchanan Has Received Full In-
structions From Ottawa.

(Special to the Times.)

Kaslo, Jan. 2.—G. O. Buchanan has
received all the necessary blank forms
and full instructions for the distribution
of the lead bonus. Claims are to be made
under the regulations from July 1st,
1900, and may include all amounts pro-
duced up to the end of any month.

MINERS PROBABLY KILLED OUTRIGHT

BODIES OF MANY OF THE VICTIMS FOUND

Number of Them Are Charred Beyond
Recognition—Search Party
Still at Work.

(Associated Press.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 27.—The real day
of sorrow for the residents of the village
of Harwick has arrived. The charred
and blackened remains of the victims of
the explosion at the Allegheny Coal
Company's mine are being found in large
numbers, and are being prepared to be
brought to the surface.

An obstruction in the form of several
feet of ice at the bottom of the shaft de-
lays the starting of the bodies to the
surface. The ice hinders the cage from
being lowered so that the bodies can be
placed on it, but large quantities of salt
have been poured upon it, and several
men are clearing away the obstruction,
and it is thought that before noon some
bodies will be brought out from the mine.

Inspector Cunningham came out of the
mine at 7.15 a. m. to-day, and said there
were 22 bodies at the foot of the shaft.
At that time 60 bodies had been found,
but were not yet taken to the heading.
This leaves 38 bodies of the dead which
have been discovered still entangled in
the debris.

Headless, naked, charred beyond re-
cognition and horribly mangled is the
description of the condition of the bodies
found by the searchers.

There are 6 mine inspectors and
22 men at work, the inspectors pen-
etrating into unexplored regions locating
bodies while the main body of searchers
came afterwards to extricate and carry
out the charred and blackened bodies.

Among the bodies found was that of
a stranger, whose presence in the mine is
unexplained. "While he is supposed to
have been a miner who was making a
visit to the shaft, there is a possibility
that he was not, and that he may not
have been aware of the gaseous mines.
He unwittingly may have caused the ex-
plosion by lighting a match. This is
merely a conjecture on the part of some
of the searchers, and is based on the
fact that he escaped the force of the
explosion, which they say would be
hardest in the direction away from the
point where the gas was lighted.

Inspector Cunningham says the air in
the mine is getting better every hour, but
there is still considerable gas.
From the condition of the bodies he
thinks now that the men were killed by
the force of the explosion, and not by
damp as at first suggested.
The searchers have not yet reached
the north entry, where it is expected
most of the bodies will be found. When
the bodies are brought to the surface
they will be placed in the large sleigh
awaiting them and carried away to the
mortuary, which has been improvised in
the school house here.

Almost zero weather and a bitter wind
late yesterday swept over the little val-
ley where the mine is located, and early
added more dead to the long table of
the men who perished in the mine. At 3.30
o'clock yesterday afternoon Michael Mc-
Quade, one of the leaders of the rescuers,
came up the shaft and said: "We have
at the bottom of the shaft a pile of legs
and arms and trunks that resemble any-
thing but the remains of human bodies.
It is the most gruesome sight I ever wit-
nessed."

"My God, man," he said to a question,
"you have but a faint conception of the
awful force of the explosion. It tore
men to pieces. It did not leave enough
of some of them to tell who they were."

At 3 o'clock yesterday sixteen men
went down into the shaft to do the work
of brattice, tunnelling and removing
the debris that has so far barred pro-
gress into the workings where the miners
were at labor when the explosion came.
Even before the bucket reached the bot-
tom they were drenched with water,
which the cold draught through the shaft
soon turned to ice. Several ineffectual
efforts were made to reach the living
men at the bottom of the shaft, but the
wooden sides of the hoists, swollen by the
water, stuck to the iron-lined slide. Many
of the men below were standing in deep
water. Finally the cage was loosened
and got within twelve feet of the bottom,
but the men, numbed by the cold, could
not reach it. It was 9 o'clock when the
first three men of the party who went
down at 3 o'clock were brought to the
surface. Not one of them was able to
walk, so numbed were they by the cold.

Bringing Bodies to Surface.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 27.—The mine is
giving up its victims as fast as the en-
gineer can raise and lower the cage in
response to the signals from the men
who are working at the bottom of the
shaft. The bodies and mangled bodies
of the men who went to work on Mon-
day morning are being brought up to the
surface and taken to the temporary
mortuary where they are being prepared
for burial.

Everybody so far brought out is
bruised, crushed and cut into shapeli-
ness and not one so far has reached the
surface, but the arms raised and the
hands spread out over the face showing
that the doomed men foresaw their fate
and tried with their last conscious efforts
to ward it off. The fact that the legs
and arms are broken and disjointed in-
dicates that the force of the explosion must
have been terrific. It is presumed that
it battered them against the jagged walls

of the mine and crushed them one upon
another at the ends of the headings and
the chambers. Scarcely one of the
bodies has any clothing on it, and all are
more or less burned, some to a crisp.

There will be great difficulty in the
identifying of them on this account, and
the only way it can be done will be by
the weigh-checks found on most of them.
The checks are given to the men when
they enter the mine, and a record of them
is kept.

No relatives are permitted in the
temporary morgue this morning for the
reasons there are too bad, and besides it
is absolutely necessary that there be no
interruption to the work of the under-
takers and embalmers, for before night
they will have more than they can do.
If perfect discipline is not now preserved
there will arise irreparable confusion
and the full identification of all the dead
will be impossible. As expected there
will be trouble for some of the bodies
wear wet clothing and consequently
checks are lost. Moreover the faces are
burned and are beyond the possibility of
recognition. It will be impossible to
identify clothing because the clothing of
miners is very much alike.

In the school house where the bodies
are being brought, a great sheet of paper
has been tacked on the wall on which the
names will be posted as soon as identi-
fied.

Rescuer Dead.

Pittsburg, Jan. 27.—Another rescuer
has met death in the mine, David Lysle,
a volunteer miner from Leechburg, Pa.,
who went down the shaft last night with
two companions, was overcome by gas
and died before any assistance could be
rendered him.

The Victor Disaster.

Victor, Col., Jan. 27.—All of the bodies
of the victims of yesterday's accident at
the Stratton Independence mine have
been recovered. Only four have been
identified. A cage containing sixteen
men fell down the shaft and but one
man escaped.

ABOLITION OF SALOON LICENSES

PROPOSED BY THE
MANITOBA GOVERNMENT

Liquor Law Will Be Altered—United
States Ranchers Settle in
Alberta.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 27.—Attorney-General
Campbell at last night's session of the
legislature proposed changes in the
liquor law of Manitoba. The main
planks of the government platform are:
1. A good license law properly enforced.
2. The total abolition of all saloon
licenses.
3. The abolition of whole-
sale licenses in rural municipalities.
4. Stringent legislation dealing with in-
terdicts.
5. An improvement of the con-
dition of bona fide hotels.
6. Elimination
of undesirable as license holders.

There will be no change in hours.

Ranchers From States.

The local immigration department has
received word that two firms of United
States ranchers have settled in Alberta,
and have imported 6,000 Mexican cattle.
The district where the ranchers have
located their stock is that section of
country lying east of Lacombe, and
known as the Sullivan Lake district. The
importation of such a large number is
considered strong evidence of the growing
popularity of this district as a stock rais-
ing country. The Connors Co. and
Wilkinson & McCord are the firms im-
porting.

Councilmen Resign.

As the result of the reinstatement of
the police force of Portage la Prairie,
three councilmen, Messrs. Newman, For-
sythe and Prout have resigned.

COLLIDED IN FOG.

Tram Cars Wrecked and Many of In-
jured—Passengers Will Probably
Die From Injuries.

(Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Jan. 27.—More than twenty
persons were injured, some of them
fatally, when two cars on the Broadway
line collided to-day.

The accident occurred in a dense fog
while the front car was stationary, owing
to a quarrel between the conductor and
a passenger over a fare. Motorman
Jurgens stuck to his post. None of the
one hundred passengers on the two cars
knew that an accident was impending
until the crash came. The second car
crushed its way to the middle of the first
car. The dozen passengers on the rear
platform of the front car were jammed
together under the rear car. Half the
rear car was crushed and the passengers
inside were thrown about on the floor
and under wrecked seats, while showers
of broken glass fell upon them. Jurgens,
the motorman, was cut and crushed, and
his back was broken. He will die.
A panic ensued on both cars. Passen-
gers began a fight to escape, and children
and women were trampled on.

SUFFERINGS OF HOMELESS.

Sickness Feared in the Flood Swept Dis-
tricts of West Virginia.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 27.—The flood
stage has passed and the Ohio is again
within its banks and falling rapidly.
There is still much suffering among the
homeless and sickness is feared.

WHITAKER WRIGHT COMMITTED SUICIDE

ENDED HIS LIFE WITH
CYANIDE OF POTASSIUM

Court Officials Had Been Warned to Keep
Careful Watch Over Their
Prisoner.

London, Jan. 27.—The inquest over the
remains of Whitaker Wright, who died
suddenly yesterday after being sentenced
to seven years penal servitude for fraud,
in the Court of King's Bench, has been
definitely fixed for to-morrow morning.

The tragic event is the one topic of
interest. The possibility of the finan-
cier's escape from justice by suicide was
clearly foreseen by Detective Willis dur-
ing the voyage; Willis gave the court
officials a special warning to keep the
closest guard over him.

Towards the conclusion of the trial,
and especially during Justice Bingham's
trenchant criticism, it became evident
that there could be only one verdict, so
if Wright was determined on self-de-
struction in the event of his conviction,
he had time to prepare a method
for outwitting the jailers, as he must
have foreseen that an adverse verdict
was inevitable.

The post-mortem examination has
shown that Wright committed suicide
by taking cyanide of potassium.
A strange document was found on the
sent in court which had been occupied
by Wright, showing that he had a pre-
monition of his sentence. This was a
sheet of blotting paper on which he had
scribbled the justice's summing up. The
Roman characters "VII," were thickly
scattered over the whole sheet. This
was before the verdict, but the number
coincides with the sentence he received.
In the middle of the sheet appears the
word "Inten."

It is reported that a loaded revolver
was found in Wright's pocket by the
police.

The investigation made indicates that
Wright must have swallowed the tablet
of poison while standing before Justice
Bingham after receiving his sentence. It
is recalled that Wright pulled a hand-
kerchief from his pocket and appeared
to wipe his face, and it is expected that
under cover of this he took the fatal
dose.

The Liberal newspapers use the result
of the Whitaker Wright case as a politi-
cal weapon against the government
which declined to prosecute Wright.
Premier Balfour, acting on the advice of
the law officers of the crown, having an-
nounced in parliament in December,
1902, that the case was not one for the
public prosecutor. These papers insinuate
that the government wished to shield
Wright because he was a strong sup-
porter financially and otherwise of the
conservative cause, and because he had
influential friends.

The Daily News contends that the law
officers, Sir Robert Finlay and Sir Ed-
ward Carson, ought to resign, and it re-
fers to the "wicked insinuations" of
Wright's friends that a prosecution of
the case would involve the Duke of Con-
naught, who did invest in one of Wright's
companies, but who was not even re-
motely involved in its misdoings.

In an editorial article with reference
to the government's strange error in op-
portunity to prosecute Wright, the Times
says it would only be seemly for the gov-
ernment to recoup fully to the prosecu-
tors all the costs they have incurred "in
bringing to justice a culprit of a kind
that under our laws fortune generally
favors."

The opposition papers make trenchant
comments on a government "schick,"
they say, "declined to do its duty for
reasons now shown to have been absurd
in law, and which are always repugnant
to common sense."

"The handling of this matter," says
the Westminster Gazette, "has reflected
more discredit on the government than
its other mistakes with even graver con-
sequences. Distinguished people were
involved, and some of them have had
happy escapes."
The Financial News on these points
says: "Wright might have made dis-
closures which would have seriously dis-
comforted some people, but Wright was
loyal as well as courageous, and he car-
ried his secrets to the grave. To prevent
him from divulging what he chose to
conceal he destroyed papers, thus com-
pleting his sacrifice."

FOUR KILLED.

(Associated Press.)

Madison, Wis., Jan. 27.—Four persons
have been killed by Atchison & North-
western passenger train at Garry, near
Crystal Lake. The train struck a
sleigh containing a minister, his wife and
four children, instantly killing the
father and mother and two children. The
other two children are said to be fatally
injured. The name of the family is not
known here.

PROBABLY FATALITY HURT.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 27.—P. B. Bonthe,
who recently arrived from Toronto to as-
sume a position in the Canadian Bank of
Commerce, has been probably fatally in-
jured at the Multnomah Club.
Without noticing that the swimming tank
had been drained he dived from the spring
board, his head striking the cement bottom
12 feet below.

GINS

RED CROSS, "Geneva."
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D. C. L., "Old Tom,"
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PROCEEDINGS OF
THE LEGISLATUREMINISTRY FORCED
TO DEFEND ACTIONPremier Gives Warning That He May
Have a Railway Policy to
Announce.

Victoria, Jan. 16.
To-day the government members were induced to say something approaching taking a part in the debate on the budget. For days the subject has been up for discussion without the members of the government or their supporters in the legislature taking occasion to offer the criticism offered. To-day, in spite of the fact that the Premier and his colleagues see only confusion and danger in prolonging the session, some supporters spoke in an effort to divert attention from the piddling light in which the Mc Bride administration has been shown by the opposition. In this effort it became necessary to go into Dominion politics and the affairs of other provinces. In this way it was attempted to turn attention away from the weakness of the present government of this province.

W. J. Bowser, the principal speaker for the government, who fills the Premier's place in the House in the absence of that member, took a very wide range. In fact he shunned provincial affairs to such an extent that only very rarely and incidentally almost was any allusion made to them.

In the evening the debate was of a very varied character. John Oliver speaking for the opposition and the Premier replying for the government. A hint of a coming railway policy, for which preparation has been made by government members for some days, was made by the Premier with a display of mingled mystery and splendor. The member for Nelson has the floor for to-morrow.

Prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Barber.

Petition.

Thos. Gifford presented a petition from Charles Evans and others, of Vancouver, asking government aid to the Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon Railway Company.

The petition was ruled out of order.

Committee's Report.

On motion of P. Carter Cotton, seconded by W. W. H. McInnes, it was resolved that the committee of report No. 5 of the private bills committee, presented on the 21st day of January, reporting the preamble of bill (No. 50), being an act to enable the city of Vancouver to acquire lands, be withdrawn and the bill re-committed for further consideration and report.

The report, as amended, was received.

Budget Debate.

P. Williams continued the debate on the amendment of J. A. Macdonald to the motion to go into supply. He said that he was informed that the member for Delta was one of a delegation which previous to the opening of the House had waited upon the provincial secretary and asked that if Mongolian labor was to be excluded from the province that some other form of cheap labor should be provided.

John Oliver denied that he ever used words that could be so construed. Mr. Williams, continuing, said that he did not wish to say that the member had made the statement, but the declaration of which he was one made this representation.

Mr. Oliver denied that he had been one of a delegation which wished for this.

Mr. Williams said that he thought he could prove what he said in 15 minutes.

Mr. Oliver wanted the proof produced.

The speaker said that the member for Delta denying this the rules of the House forbid his word not being taken.

Mr. Oliver said he did not wish to take shelter behind the rules of the House, but wished the member to produce his alleged proof.

Mr. Williams, continuing, said that the proposition for fish traps worked against the working classes. It meant doing the work by one hundred men, which was now done by one thousand men.

He pointed out some of the needs of Lady Smith, which included a public wharf and some roads into it.

W. J. Bowser went into the dire condition of financial affairs when the government took power, and the absolute need of getting these financial bills through in order to save the credit of the country. The government proposed to investigate the financial affairs by means of a commission. They had taken their precedent for that from the Liberal government of Ontario. The member for Alberni, he held, was inconsistent in asking that the lands on the E. & N. railway belt should be taxed, and opposing

the tax levied on timber cut on the railway lands.

He took exception to the insinuations that he was a representative for Vancouver alone. He was not as narrow in that view, and he hoped he would never become so narrow.

He referred to the editorial references of the Times, that the revenues derived from Vancouver were not equal to those derived from Victoria. The figures brought down to the legislature, as representing Victoria, were not those of Victoria alone. There were in many instances provincial returns for railway companies, banking companies and other institutions which paid their returns at the government headquarters. Were these deducted it would, he felt sure, show that there was a very large excess of returns from Vancouver over those of Victoria.

On the question of the granting of licenses in Southeast Kootenay, he held that the opposition was not united. The leader of the opposition did not agree with the motion of the member for Cranbrook. The leader of the opposition had said at Rossland, a few evenings before the election, that he was not in favor of granting these licenses, but of holding these coal lands for the government.

J. A. Macdonald, rising to a point of order, said that he was entirely misrepresented. He had said that he was in favor of granting the rights to those who were bona fide in taking up the coal lands. To those who simply allowed their names to be used he did not favor giving any rights in the districts.

Mr. Bowser, continuing, pointed out that the name of J. R. Brown, one of the members on the opposition side, was among those who appeared as an applicant, and that the leader of the opposition would therefore not support his claim.

Mr. Macdonald explained that he would support only those whose claims were bona fide.

J. R. Brown explained that his name had appeared without his consent. He had known nothing of it, and had been one of the applicants he would not have voted on the question. He took exception to any insinuation of trafficking in coal licenses.

Mr. Bowser charged the Dominion government with adopting a policy of playing with the act affecting the coal lands in Southeast Kootenay. That government was attempting to make political capital out of it. Afraid to disallow the act for fear of the C. P. R., the Federal government hoped to get the election over before May, the date for the disallowance.

Mr. Bowser then went into the details of Dominion election proceedings, and of Ontario election matters. In the midst of it he made in all seriousness a proposition which he seemed to think a rational one in connection with the Fernie scandal. He proposed that the member for Cranbrook (Dr. King) and Mr. Ross both resign and go back for election.

Dr. King said there was no ballot box scandal in his constituency.

Mr. Bowser, continuing, went into the question of election scandals in Ontario, showing a mastery of the subject only acquired by careful study of the subject.

Referring to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's remarks that a thorough investigation should follow in order that the will of the people at the polls might be ascertained, cries came from the opposition of "Lillooet and Fernie."

Referring to the government, he lauded it as the best one the province had ever had, which was greeted by laughter even by Conservative members.

Stuart Henderson thought the speech of Mr. Bowser was the best example of vitriol which had been heard in the legislature. He had gone from one end of the Dominion to the other to seek "dirty." He was not surprised that the member became lame over the continued abuse of Ontario. But Ontario could look after its own affairs. He knew that the Conservative party was the friend of monopolies, but he never heard before that that party had a monopoly of the honesty and purity in elections.

He knew that the opposition side of the House was in a minority. It had quality, but it lacked a little in quantity.

The Assessment Act passed had no other effect but being a tax on the industry of the province. The act was a drag upon the industries of the province. Not one act had been introduced by the government to show that the condition of the province was really understood. Had they done anything in the way of opening up the lands of the province. They had the Grand Trunk Pacific about to be built. Why did they not issue bonds on the lands on both sides of it so as to derive revenue and not tax men who were now overburdened. Instead of taking advantage of the natural resources of the country they taxed merchants so as to embarrass them.

The answer given as to the taking up of the debentures showed that the conditions of the country were not so disastrous as represented by the government. Three months before the debentures were issued insurance companies had grabbed these up. This showed that the government had proposed a loan which just satisfied those who wished to take up the loan.

Referring to Mr. Bowser's remarks as to how many of the opposition entered the caucus, he thought it wise for the government to employ a better detective than Mr. Bowser.

After four weeks of the session he

wanted to know what pledges had been carried out by the government. He wanted to know what was to be done in connection with railway matters. Men had invested money upon the assurance that lines of railway were to be built. The government, in an endeavor to get the estimates passed, refused to speak. They waited to allow of these being passed, and by this means pass over enunciating a policy.

Then on the two per cent. tax it was proposed to give the matter into the hands of the auditing committee. Then the committee and not the government was to be responsible for the act. This was surely a most unfair proposition.

The C. P. R. by its position had become an octopus. It endeavored to block the building of other railways, and thus to secure a monopoly for itself. An example of this was afforded by the treatment of the Canadian Northern. The C. P. R. was not to be blamed for this, but a government was to be blamed for not aiding a competitive line. Yet although competitive lines were promised, not a single announcement was made respecting the building of such a line.

The question of an appointment of a commission to investigate the financial conditions was gone into by Mr. Henderson. The government of Ontario, which was so obnoxious to the members on the other side of the House, did not increase the taxes before appointing a commission.

He assured the supporters of the government that no matter what the discussions were on the government side, the opposition of seventeen was united as one man under its leader. It was now conceded that he was the very best choice of leader which could have been made. (Loud opposition applause.)

He noticed that the estimates provided for the appointment of a minister of mines. From events which had transpired he would not be surprised to see the member for Nanaimo (Mr. Hawthornthwaite) given that position. If it were done he would have no objection to offer.

Hon. Chas. Wilson promised to keep to provincial subjects. He conceded that the best speech delivered from the opposition side was that of the member for Chilliwack. The woes as depicted almost led him to see the long lines of people leaving the province like the exodus of the Huguenots from France and the Moors from Spain.

Although the opposition members praised the work of the Dominion government in constructing the Grand Trunk Pacific, they had never shown what benefit would be done to British Columbia by the construction. The Dominion government had done nothing, he said, towards benefiting British Columbia in this scheme.

Proceeding to the charge that the time had been wasted by him in tinkering with acts, the Attorney-General computed mathematically how the time had been taken up.

Of the eleven planks in the Conservative platform—an attempt had been made to carry out five of them. It was not fair to expect them to carry out all these in one year. That would be trying the patience of the House too much. But political conventions were not infallible. The House was better able to decide what should be done.

He was glad to be a member of a government which respected the support of the independent members in the House. The Socialist party had made its stand plain, and had given a fair support to the government.

He would not be adverse to sit with the member for Nanaimo as Minister of Mines. The members of the Socialist party had not shown that they should be social or political radicals. (Government applause.) The member for Sloam (Mr. Davidson) had not given the government a slavish support.

Since 1882 the legislature had done little other than incorporate railway companies. Subsidies of gigantic proportions had been provided for. The two schemes which had been offered, the greatest subsidies had been turned down. No railway project would be decided by the government without the House being made aware of it. The country was in a condition to give a money grant. The only solution for the buildings of railways in this province was that several companies say a need for the road to be constructed. He showed that subsidies for years, amounting to from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 a year, had been voted, but no railway built. The province had come to be looked upon as a camping ground for railway promoters. To issue bonds on the security of these subsidies was a ridiculous proposition. It was an easy matter to issue bonds, but the trouble came in getting others to accept them.

The time had not come for condemning the government. The public was not in a position to know what the result of the legislation introduced would be.

The government would not help itself in the financial position. He did not approve of the reference to being in the hands of the pawnbrokers. He hoped they were in the hands of honest bankers. The banks really said they must call a halt and adopt new systems of financing.

The attempt had been made not to oppress the timber industry. He wished the blue ruin crying should cease. He thought interminable warning should cease, the government given a chance and prosperity unparalleled would result.

W. C. Wells said the Finance Minister seemed to think that the country should have no choice to refuse, but must open its mouth and swallow the pill offered. The minister had been idle resort in devising a loan bill. The member for Richmond, he said, when Minister of Finance, had said that deficits should be overcome by loans and not by cutting down appropriations, much less by increased taxation.

The present Premier had in the past pressed for expenditures. He had advocated in this respect the expenditure for the New Westminster bridge. Short term loans were obnoxious to capitalists. They desired a long term. As an example of this United States two per cent for a term of fifty years were selling at a premium. The renewing of loans as in the case of short loans called for a high rate of interest in return.

Investors proceeded upon this basis. With resources such as British Columbia had, was it reasonable to say that a loan had to be floated as this one was? The Minister of Finance had shown no resource.

The Westminster bridge was a valuable asset to the province. Had the government taken advantage of the situation

which offered itself in connection with that work the interest and a large part of the sinking fund might have been provided for. The Dominion government would, he believed, have given a grant of \$300,000 for the work had some negotiation been entered into by which a company independent of the government should take this over. The rights of the province in the bridge would not have been lessened in any way.

The liabilities of the province were covered to the fullest extent by the public works. The roads and bridges were a credit to the province. Nothing could give more discontent to the province than the withdrawal of appropriations for roads and bridges. The people who came into this province were the best means of advertising the wealth of British Columbia. He was not so much in favor of bringing carloads of people into the province. The best means was to satisfy those who lived in the province and by that means induce others to come in.

The revenue tax might well have been left as it was. It was doing no harm to leave the power to raise that tax to \$5. The occasion might come when it would be necessary to increase it.

He took exception to the way in which the constituencies represented by the opposition members had been dealt with in the appropriations. He referred to going into the "angust presence" of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and being told that Columbia was to receive \$8,000. He compared the appropriations for constituencies represented by Conservatives with those represented by Liberals.

Notwithstanding that the Minister of Finance said that the estimates were in a favorable condition, this government increased the supplementary estimates by \$150,000 of this \$125,000 was for public works. But an election was at hand.

He eulogistically referred to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who had put within their grasp a second transcontinental railway. He was surprised to hear the Attorney-General ask what use this was to be to British Columbia. It was most absurd to say that this railway, constructed without one dollar of expense to British Columbia, was of no use to the province.

Mr. Oliver took occasion to correct a statement made by the member for Newcastle. He said he held a report of what took place at the interview with the government. He was not a member of the delegation. He had as a matter of courtesy accompanied the delegation. He had spoken at the conclusion and was reported to have said that he concurred with the proposal to advertise the railways of the province. Yet in the face of that the member for Newcastle had the hardihood to say that he (Mr. Oliver) endorsed cheap labor. The member for Vancouver (Mr. Bowser) had said he was quoting from the Hansard when he was quoting from Conservative campaign literature. That member seemed very familiar with election tactics. Mr. Bowser said he never heard of the machine until the Liberals had used it. But that member had run against the Conservative machine in Vancouver, and the result had been that he had become a very subservient supporter of it. If the member for Vancouver wanted to know all about the Islands election matter let him ask the Premier to tell him all he knew about it or move for a committee to investigate it.

Referring to the question of disallowance of act 16 of last session he pointed out that the procedure was to give notice of disallowance if anything was wrong. If it was not intended to disallow the act no notice would be given. The government had no reason for believing that this act would be disallowed.

At 6 o'clock the Speaker left the chair until 8:30 in the evening.

Evening Session.

John Oliver resuming the debate at 8:30 said that Mr. Bowser had well merited the rebuke of the Attorney-General for going outside of provincial politics in his address. The insinuation that the Dominion government was looking to the C. P. R. for a bag for election purposes was not well taken, in view of the fact that the Chief Commissioner and Attorney-General had gone East and had, according to rumor, journeyed to Montreal for this bag. Who was it ran the C. P. R. train on election day when it was refused to hold it for a few minutes for the convenience of Liberal members?

It would be a dangerous thing for the member for Cranbrook to resign his seat with the member for Fernie. They would have two more bills to seat Conservatives in addition to that for seating a representative for Lillooet now before the House.

The reforms in the civil service consisted in dismissing five civil servants and replacing them by holders of the party. (Cries of "Names" from government side.)

Mr. Oliver referred to the appointment of a police magistrate in Vancouver. He said that Joseph Martin had made him resign a case just the other day.

Mr. Bowser said that the practice was that begun by Mr. Russell before.

Mr. Oliver wanted to know what satisfaction there was in the fact that the practice had been begun by another one.

Pressed further for names Mr. Oliver named Rev. Mr. Vert, of New Westminster, who had been in the employ of the government for months.

Amid uproar the matter was dropped here.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that although the main estimates last year provided \$187,500 for works and buildings, and the supplementary estimates added \$239,200 to this, yet they found in the expenditure that \$75,000 was expended in addition to this for works, \$25,000 for roads and bridges and \$22,000 for contingencies. But there had been an election in the meantime. Yet this was the government of retrenchment—retrenchment except in point of travelling expenses.

Coming to what the Dominion government had done for the province he referred to the Crow's Nest railway.

The Attorney-General said they paid \$4,000 more a mile for it than the previous government had agreed to pay.

Mr. Oliver took this up and showed the concessions in rates throughout the whole system, and the surrender of 50,000 acres of coal lands, which had been gained by the government. The railway company now stated that it was sorry that the coal lands had ever been given up because they were worth more than the whole line of railway.

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But did anyone observe the Finance Minister exhibit any particular symptoms of pleasure on this outburst of fraternal love and enthusiasm? He is said to be contemplating withdrawal from the administration for the purpose of accepting a Conservative nomination for the Dominion House. We do not wonder at this. We are surprised that Captain Tallow has been able to endure his present associates as long as he has. But we fear he is too late. The mark of the Tory-Socialist beast is upon him, and we doubt whether a surgical operation could remove it to the satisfaction of the great majority of Conservatives, who must be startled as they contemplate the nature of the conspiracy and its consequences to the province. As for the Chief Commissioner, no one on either side of the House, or in the country either, attaches the least importance to anything he may say or do.

The facts of importance for the country to note now that the seal of union has been publicly applied is that McBride and Wilson claim they are flattered by the support of the Socialists; that Hawthornthwaite and Williams praise the courage and determination, the wisdom and acumen, the impartiality and disinterestedness, of the government in its distribution of the burdens of taxation; that the Socialists express their pleasure at the evidences of disapprobation with which the financial policy of the government has been received in the great centres and rural districts of the province, which must be accepted as proof that they, as masters of the administration, will insist that there shall be no modification as long as they hold the political lives of the ministry in their hands; that the Socialist tail has expressed itself in most emphatic terms against immigration into the province; that it condones every proposition for the development of potential resources or any measure containing a prospect of relief from the enormous load of taxation; that the ban has been placed upon all progress because it is alleged every forward movement but adds to the power of capital and tightens the bonds of thrallism in which labor is held in this province.

These are the allegations. How far they are from the truth we shall leave the common sense of all who truly desire the welfare of British Columbia to determine. We are quite confident that the masses of the people, irrespective of political faith, are but waiting an opportunity to indicate to Hon. Richard McBride and Hon. Charles Wilson that they will have none of their reactionary nonsense whether promulgated in the name of Toryism or of Socialism or in the name of the ill-assorted combine.

BOWSER AND WHITNEY.

If it were possible to imagine Bowser crushed, the head of the irrepressible would assuredly be bowed to-day. The electors of North Oxford, Ont., could not have heard of his "scathing" denunciation of the Ross government, a matter quite pertinent to British Columbia politics, or they would never have gone to the polls and elected a Grit by an enormous majority. When the Tory leader in Ontario hears of Bowser we are sure he will send for him. The strong Tory team which did such good work in North Renfrew has been broken up. Gamey's partner has been sent to gaol. There is a vacancy which would fit in very nicely around Bowser. If Premier McBride could spare his fighting lieutenant we are sure the Grits would never again whack Whitney.

And, by the way, is it not strange that when the Conservatives are only given a few weeks to prepare for an election they invariably lose? Take the case of North Renfrew. Mr. Ross claimed he was justified from a public point of view in keeping the seat vacant for more than a year. We have already said he was mistaken from every point of view. He was very far wrong from a partisan standpoint. He gave Bob Birmingham and the rest of the Tory organizers a grand opportunity. They "worked" in the constituency for more than six months. The result of their operations is already known. Their methods will be revealed later on, and they will be found not to differ greatly from the methods which have resulted in the unseating of five Tories to every two Grits on the average.

However, we must warn Bowser, in case he should think fit to join Gamey, that most of the tricks by which the Tory party has been striving to gain power in Ontario for thirty years are known. Bribery at the polls is an old, old game. Twice attempts have been made to buy up Liberal members. On one of these occasions there must have been an abundance of funds, because the majority of Mowat at the time was quite large. The scheme of bribing a Tory to get up and say an attempt had been made to buy him was quite new, but it seems to have been the only recourse left. Where did Gamey get the money? A party which could raise a sum deemed sufficient to purchase a quarter of a Legislature would scarcely be at a loss about securing enough money to induce a degenerate Tory to make himself infamous.

There is one trick Bowser might teach Whitney, and which the Ontario leader might use if he were in a position equivalent to that of McBride. The vehicle member for Vancouver might explain the method by which members of Parliament are made to order in British Columbia. There is one "member" sitting in the Legislature here who was elected by a returning officer who, by a singular coincidence, is his business partner. The government proposes to create another member on its special order and to meet the exigencies of the case. Similar doings were heard of in Ottawa in years gone by, and it is not likely Whitney has forgotten them. But it might be well for Bowser to refresh his memory.

UNITY AND HARMONY.

If we are not mistaken the first "Canadian Club" established in the Dominion was instituted by young men who believed the day would soon come when Canada would cut loose from Great Britain and establish herself on her own account. Our impression is that it was for the purpose of fostering a spirit of independence that the first Canadian Club was formed. But it was recognized that there were prejudices in the minds of Canadians and that the propaganda should be preached in the secret places until public opinion was ripe for the great change contemplated. In the intervening years several Canadian Clubs have been established, and we hear less of Canadian independence, less of annexation, than was ever heard in the history of the Dominion or in the history of the several parts of Canada before they were joined together. The differences of opinion, the prejudices of race and religion, which at one time seemed to stand in the path of a homogeneous, united and harmonious country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, have died away. Canada was never so complete in all the essentials which make for nationhood as she is to-day; the component parts of the British Empire were never so close together as they are to-day. And we believe it will be admitted by people of all political proclivities in Canada that to Sir Wilfrid Laurier the credit is chiefly due for this wholly desirable state of affairs. When the Premier became the chief political figure in this country prejudice and intolerance retired into the background. That is plain to anyone who compares the conditions previous to 1896 with the conditions of to-day. When the preferential trade policy of the Laurier government was inaugurated the movement which is drawing the British Empire together to-day, the movement which is apparent in Great Britain, in Canada, in Australia, in South Africa and in all the minor colonies commenced.

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We regret the condition of our columns precludes the possibility of printing the speech in full. His oration was worthy of the reputation of the orator and of the subject.

The more I advance in life—and I am no longer a young man—the more I thank Providence that my birth took place in this fair land of Canada. Canada has been modest in its history, although its history is heroic in many ways. But its history, in my estimation, is only commencing. It is commencing in this century. The nineteenth century will prove to be the century of the United States. I think we can claim that it is Canada that shall fill the twentieth century. I cannot hope that I shall see much of the development which the future has in store for my country, but whenever my eyes shall close to the light it is Canada that shall fill the twentieth century. The nineteenth century will prove to be the century of the United States. I think we can claim that it is Canada that shall fill the twentieth century. I cannot hope that I shall see much of the development which the future has in store for my country, but whenever my eyes shall close to the light it is Canada that shall fill the twentieth century. The nineteenth century will prove to be the century of the United States. I think we can claim that it is Canada that shall fill the twentieth century. I cannot hope that I shall see much of the development which the future has in store for my country, but whenever my eyes shall close to the light it is Canada that shall fill the twentieth century.

The Governor-General was also happy in his remarks—probably he delivered the finest address of his career in Canada. "But, gentlemen," said Lord Minto, "I hope that in all the exuberance of youth and prosperity you will never forget the old folks at home—the parents of us all, possibly a little old-fashioned, possibly not catching on to new ideas as quickly as you do, but full of responsibilities, full of the hard-earned experience of many generations, and, thank God, as strong as ever still." In conclusion the Governor-General encouraged Canadians to go on making history, but not to forget that they were members of one clan, owing fealty to the King, working out together the greatest history the world had ever known—the history of the British Empire.

There is an expression on the face of the leader of the opposition as he watches the leader of the government when that remarkable individual is in an oratorical mood and delivering what he regards as a broadside, punctuated with desk-smashing blows, which seems to indicate that Mr. McBride is regarded as a most "amusing cuss." "What a stalwart blacksmith the man would have made if Providence had directed his talents into the proper channels." The instinct is in him yet.

"You can hear him strike his heavy blows, with measured stroke and slow. Like a sexton tolling the village bell. When the evening sun is low." The Premier does not realize, perhaps, that he is ringing out the old and ringing in the new; that he is sounding the knell of the Tory-Socialist combination; that while he whacks his desk the country is taking his measure and the balance and found wanting will soon be pronounced; that if McBride desires to remain the leader of a party he will have to go over skin and bones to the Socialists, because he must either be repudiated by Conservatives or Conservatism will be cast aside by the country as another designation for opportunism and the blood relation of anarchy.

McBride is proud and charmed that he has been deemed worthy of the support of the irrationals or Socialists. Wilson is impressed with the extraordinary wisdom, foresight and zeal for the advancement of the province displayed by the

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Independent members of the Legislature. He is agonized lest he should by mistake do anything to alienate their sympathy. Williams is happy to think that he is one of the instruments by which progress shall be retarded and workmen protected. Hawthornthwaite exults at what he terms the "squealing" of the business men and the farmers because he believes he has shouldered the cost of maintaining the province upon them. The covenant is sealed. The Tories and the Socialists have kissed each other.

ONE OF SALA'S JOKES.

Records and Reminiscences of Sir F. C. Burnand.
 Shortly after Mr. Burnand succeeded to the editorial chair of Punch, Sala wrote a parody of the "Notes" which he was himself contributing to the Illustrated London News. It was attributed to the editor, and friends who knew Sala's short temper were anxious, not, as it soon seemed, without reason. At the Beefsteak Club Sala politely asked for the author's name.
 "I cannot give it," replied the editor, "without his permission."
 "It is a personal attack on me," said Sala, apparently waxing wroth.
 Peace-making friends suggested that any popular author's style was fair game.
 "I join issue," replied Sala. "Burnand ought to have rejected it."
 So the debate went on, growing hotter and hotter. When Sala declared that when he was younger he would have pulled the nose of anyone who attacked him, and the editor replied that if Sala really wished to carry out his threat he had the matter in his own hands, it seemed that a crisis had arrived.
 "I can!" exclaimed George, rising up excitedly, "and will!" Everyone jumped to his feet. It seemed as though he were going to assault the editor and then? What was their surprise at seeing George, first with one hand, then with the other, wringing his own nose, and murmuring lamely, "I apologize," drop down abashed into his seat.

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From American and Canadian factories: Dougala and Vici Kids, Box and Satin Calf Shoes; thin soles, medium soles, and Goodyear Welts; also extra heavy soles with extension edges; all sizes.

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Buff, Box Calf and Dougala. Prices, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.75 and \$2.00. Thursday, pair, \$1.00.

Little Men's Shoes

Box Calf, \$1.50 quality. Thursday, pair, \$1.00.

Misses' and Children's Shoes

Box Calf and Kid; also Weston's Pebble School Shoes. Sizes, 8 to 2. Prices, \$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.75 and \$2.00. Thursday, pair, \$1.00.

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Black Alpaca Waists, with silver polka dots, back tucked, front pleated and trimmed; four silk and velvet medallions. Good value at \$2.50. Thursday, \$1.50.

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Silk Net Laces, black and white. Regular \$1.25 quality, 50c.

Black Silk Net Laces, floral designs, round and square mesh. Regular \$1.50 yard, 50c.

Cream Oriental Laces, 5, 6 and 8 inches wide, 60c. qualities, for 25c.

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Black Silk Laces, 25c, 35c, and 50c. qualities, for, yard 15c.

Important Sale of Men's Fine Shirts

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This lot includes some of the very best makes. Colored and white pleated front shirts, soft fronts in fine percale and madras; also fine muslin shirts.

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The balance of our French Flannels go on sale Thursday at, yard 15c.

Plain colors, green, pink, rose, heliotrope and blue; red with spot, mauve with black overcheck, green with red check; pinks, blues and greens and checks.

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City News in Brief.

—Good dry cordwood at John Bros., 250 Douglas street.

—Another big day at The Westside tomorrow that will eclipse all previous records. Prices still further reduced at Victoria's popular store.

—At Pioneer hall to-night a meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association will be held when a number of matters of importance will be discussed. A full attendance is desired.

—The regular meeting of Court Columbia, No. 834, Canadian Order of Foresters, will be held in Sir William Wallace hall on Thursday, at 8 p.m. All members are urgently requested to attend.

—Tenders will be received up to 10 a.m. on Friday next by Architect J. C. M. Keith for the rebuilding of the Victoria crematorium. Anyone desiring to refer to the plans and specifications may do so at the offices of Mr. Keith, Five Sisters block.

—Change of Time V. & S. Railway.—Beginning Sunday, January 31st, train No. 1 for Sidney, New Westminster and Vancouver will leave at 7.45 a.m. instead of 8 a.m., as at present. Train No. 2 will arrive at 6.15 p.m. instead of 6 o'clock.

—The annual meeting of the Dairy-men's and Live Stock Association will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3rd, in the department of the agriculture, provincial parliament buildings. Officers will be elected and other general business transacted.

—Are you furnishing? If so, get one of our kitchen lists. It will help you to commence that formidable list of kitchen needs, inexpensive, but still very necessary to home comfort; also get our handsome catalogue if you have not already received one. Weiler Bros.

—On Friday evening, February 12th, a fancy dress ball will be held under the auspices of the Daughters of Pity, at the Assembly hall. The proceeds will be devoted to the funds of the Jubilee hospital. Up to 10 o'clock the floor will be used by the children and will be followed by the adults. Fancy dress will not be compulsory. All wishing to attend will be made welcome.

—The British-American Trust Company, which has its headquarters at Grand Forks and branches at different parts in British Columbia, has opened offices in the MacGregor block in Victoria. R. C. E. Milne is the local manager. The company carries on a general insurance, real estate and financial business, and handles the stock of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co., and the International Coal & Coke Co., Mr. Flumerfelt being interested in both institutions.

—During the year 1903 the interest earnings of The Mutual Life of Canada were more than sufficient to pay all death claims. This is but a repetition of former years, and in fact during the whole history of The Mutual Life of Canada from its organization in the year 1869 the interest earnings have exceeded the death claims. All profits earned by this company are paid to policyholders alone. For rates and particulars apply to R. L. Drury, Provincial Manager, 30 Broad street.

—For over a fifth of a century Chas. H. Yale has continuously kept the "Devil's Auction" before the public, the coming season recording the "twenty-second" edition of this attraction. Every season for the past twenty-one years it has been revised and brought up-to-date by the introduction of new matter, novelties, original and odd ideas in scenery and costumes, imported and native artists in all branches of the profession, ballets and special features. The comedy element of the performance has been well taken care of in the re-engagement of J. B. Mackie, for a number of years principal comedian of the Hotel Farewell, and later starred in "Grimes's Cellar Door." Mr. Mackie will again appear as Toby, the transformed donkey.

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—The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending January 26th, 1904, were \$422,826.

—Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time.

—Another rush sale to-morrow at Victoria's popular store, 150 tables literally loaded with fresh bargains for Thursday shoppers at The Westside.

—Prof. E. G. Wickens receives pupils for violin, cello, piano, etc.; harmony and counterpoint at his rooms, 97 Fort Street (opposite Philharmonic hall); also prepares advanced students to pass their examination to enter the conservatories of Europe.

—Last evening in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the Young People's Club held their literary session, Miss Hawton opening the evening with a piano solo, which was very well received. Then A. J. Pines gave a very interesting lecture on the "Chemistry of a Match," which all present enjoyed. After a vote of thanks to Mr. Pines the meeting broke up with the singing of the National Anthem.

—Weiler Bros. have long stood as pioneers in bringing high class and thorough going quality merchandise down to reasonable prices. The enormous growth of their business is abundant proof of the excellence of Weiler methods, and a tribute to the expert knowledge, the fine stock and the fair prices that have made such growth possible. From the superb to the ordinary, every piece they sell receives the broad guarantee of the Weiler store.

—The Liberal-Conservatives held a meeting in A. O. U. W. hall last evening, at which the following delegates were appointed to attend the convention here on February 1st: Messrs. Hunter, Jay, Hayward, Prior, Earle, Helmcken, Mahler, Price, Leeson, Russell, Hooper, Morley, McKewen, Penketh, McKenney, Behnson, Brown, Bolden, Beckwith and Barnard. Resolutions of confidence in the McBride government and pledging support to the party in the Federal elections were carried. H. D. Helmcken, K. C., presided at the meeting.

—Loan & Savings Co.—A meeting of the local board of directors of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company was held in the company's office, 39 Government street, on Monday, the 26th inst., at 4 o'clock p.m. The president of the company, Mr. T. T. Langlois, was present and addressed the meeting, speaking of the wonderful success which has attended the efforts of those interested during the past year, the company having made a record which is unparalleled by any similar company in Canada. Nominations were then made for delegates to represent the board at the annual general meeting to be held in Vancouver on Wednesday, February 24th, resulting in the election of Hon. Senator Macdonald and Ald. L. Goodacre.

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PROGRESS OF NICKEL PLATE.
Bright Outlook For the Well-Known Similkameen Mine.

M. K. Rogers, of the Nickel Plate mine, Hedley, Similkameen, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. Rogers reports satisfactory progress at the Nickel Plate. The new plant for the concentrating mill will be installed shortly, and about a hundred and fifty tons of ore per day will be treated. There is more than an acre of roofing over the buildings in connection with the mine. But what this district sorely needs is railway communication. At present the nearest shipping point is Penttontion, about thirty-five miles away, connection between the two points being made by stage. It was over this route that fifty carloads of machinery for the mine was conveyed, and Mr. Rogers says he could guarantee a railroad into the Similkameen many thousand dollars' worth of freight a year for the Nickel Plate property alone. Hedley, however, is right on the line of Hill's road to the coast, so that the much desired communication seems assured. Ultimately a smelter will be erected at this point and altogether the outlook for the Similkameen country is very bright. It should be borne in mind, however, that the Nickel Plate Mining Company and the Redaction & Refining Company are distinct from each other. The mining people have been five years developing their property, and claim to have several years in sight. It is a gold and copper proposition.

At the mine and mill there are, all told, one hundred and forty men employed.

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COMMITTEES MEET.

Investigation Into Government House Contract Begins To-morrow.

The investigation into the Government House contract begins to-morrow at 11 o'clock. The committee has organized, with C. W. D. Clifford, chairman, and Dr. Young, secretary. The other members are W. R. Ross, W. W. B. McKinnon and Chas. Munro.

The private bills committee met this morning and considered the bill to grant the right to the city of Vancouver to appropriate the fore-shore of False creek. Progress was made in remodeling the bill, but further attention will be given to it before it is ready to report.

The municipal committee also met and took into consideration a number of proposed amendments. Those presented by the Victoria council were practically all turned down. The amendments did not propose any radical change. The railway committee held a meeting this morning and will report the preamble to the Alberni-Cowichan Railway Bill. The name has been changed to the Alberni, Cowichan & Port Rupert railway.

PERSONAL.

H. W. G. Canovan, who is connected with the Switzer-Robertson Mining Corporation, of Philadelphia, Pa., which has invested a large amount of money in the development of mining properties of the Atlin district, is in the city, a guest at the Driford. He is here for the purpose of attending the convention of the Provincial Mining Association, to be held next month in Victoria. Mr. Canovan says the work of the summer season at Atlin will commence about April 15th. The large dredge of the British American Dredging Company will then commence operations for the first time. He states that it is the intention of his company to spend a considerable sum in the development of other properties in the same district during the ensuing season.

George Denny, formerly of this city, but more recently in charge of the Associated Press bureau at Manila, has been ordered to the front to be ready for war between Japan and Russia. He is now at Tokio. T. H. Leeming has severed his connection with the Island Sentinel, Kamloops, and has taken over the hardware business formerly carried on by Dill & Davidson, of that city.

E. Foster and D. Foster, of Seattle, are in the city on business. It is understood they are considering the advisability of opening a theatre somewhat similar to the Edison and Orpheum at the A. O. U. W. hall. While here they are at the Dominion.

Frank H. Price and Chas. J. Talk, of Dunsmuir, S. H. Hathaway, of Seattle; E. Colchester, of England; G. S. McTavish, of Rivers Inlet; and D. A. McKee, of Ladner, are guests at the Victoria.

R. E. Peabody and wife, of Seattle, are in the city, guests at the Dominion hotel. Mr. Peabody has been appointed to a position in connection with the United States consulate.

J. A. Hinton, C. M. Marpole, H. McLean, H. B. Gilmour, P. M. Rattenbury and J. Martin were among the arrivals from Vancouver by the Charnier last evening.

Joel P. Heatwale and E. H. Loyd, of Northfield, Minn., and Fairbank, Minn., respectively, are in the city. They are among those staying at the Driford.

A. W. Johnson, of Montreal; F. W. Walsh, W. Barclay, W. E. Will and W. P. Merry, of Vancouver; and T. A. Thorburn and H. W. Gourlie, of Toronto, are at the Vernon hotel.

Walter A. McLeod, manager of the Stuart Machinery Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, is registered at the Vernon.

Sergt. Scott, R. G. A., arrived from Vancouver by the steamer Charnier yesterday. Rev. Mr. Macrae came over from the Mainland last evening by the Charnier. Capt. Gilmour and M. R. Rogers, of Seattle, are registered at the Driford hotel.

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NOTICE

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Will be held in the Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 2 p.m., for the election of officers and general business.

L. W. FAISLEY, Secretary.

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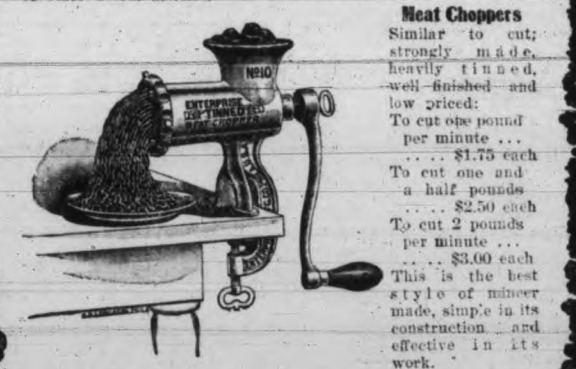
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 3.)

It then referred to the aid to the
Kootenay Central, the Nicola, Kamloops
and Similkameen lines by the Dominion
government.

The Grand Trunk Pacific, in spite of
the assertion of the Attorney-General,
could, he thought, very materially assist
British Columbia.

Coming to the question of redeeming
pledges made from the Conservative
platform which favored the development
of the country by building roads and
trails. He showed that Chilliwack got
\$1,000 for its road. With \$250 for a
superintendent left \$750 for the road,
which would build about 300 yards. It
was urged that in Chilliwack they had
a municipality, and it was a good thing
they had.

Among other points he referred to the
promised change in the two per cent.
mineral tax. In the Assessment Act
brought down the mineral tax was left
as under the old order. After pressure
had been brought to bear upon the
government by members, some of them
on their own side, the government had
backed down.

The government claimed to have the
confidence of the House, and yet under
the Land Act it backed down, reducing
the taxation upon timber cut on crown
granted land by fifty per cent.

The government appropriated 23 1/2 per
cent. of the interest derived by investors
in the bank, or if paid before June 30th
it was reduced by 10 per cent., or made
30 per cent. of the interest. It was a
disgrace that men that were forced to
transfer their investments in the banks
to United States banks in order to over-
come this.

In the savings banks of the province
there was \$2,500,000. Yet this govern-
ment paid 5 per cent. for the money they
borrowed. He could get money on a
mortgage for a lower rate. Why were
the people of this province not given a
chance to take up these bonds. The
members of the government spread the
report that the country was in dire dis-
tress in order to get this put through.

He likened the policy of the govern-
ment to that of the nobles of England
several hundred years ago when they
robbed wealthy Jews outside the city walls
on pain of pulling their teeth out.

Men representing every calling, farm-
ers, lawyers, doctors, socialists, etc.,
were elected to the House to conduct
the affairs of the country. It was an in-
sult to relegate this to a commission of
perhaps three to decide.

It was disgusting to describe this ad-
ministration as a wise government. The
Attorney-General described this as a
courageous government because it en-
deavored to bring the expenditure within
the revenue. But why did the govern-
ment do this? The banks refused to let
them have any more money. This govern-
ment, when the banks refused them the
money, became courageous and put the
screws on the taxpayers. This was the
courage of the highwayman.

But why were they short of money?
There was a question which needed set-
tlement—the sinking question. There
was expended \$1,114,000 on the dykes
of the province. The public works de-
partment under which this was done was
inefficient and inefficient. The govern-
ment promised to do the work for Chil-
liwack for \$331,000. They were told to
go ahead and do the work. The income
tax of the public works department led
to an expenditure of \$265,000 before
it was completed. It was similarly with
other dyking works. The Maple creek
works costing \$246,000 instead of the
estimate of \$124,000. This was a dis-
graceful state of affairs. The present
government was blundering for not taking
any steps to right this. There was not
one dollar being paid in the way of
assessments on the \$1,114,000 expended
for these dyking works. The govern-
ment now said they were not going to
deal with it this session although there
was need of money in the treasury. The
government had not time to deal with
this although they could take time all
over. All these works were in Dwyden
and Chilliwack. The member for Chil-
liwack could give them all the information
needed.

Was it reasonable to suppose that men
who lent money were not aware of this.
It would pay the members of the govern-
ment better to stay away from conver-
sations and give their attention to their
members.

The present government had expended

over \$700,000 in public works. How
could this be said to be an economical
government. Five hundred and fifty
thousand was voted in the main esti-
mates for this. Then \$50,000 was voted
in the supplementary. Yet this govern-
ment asked for about \$100,000 more
than this. This year it was proposed to
spend just about half this amount. The
explanation was that an election was
held last year and the government used
the public funds for election purposes.

In the present estimates he believed
that 95 per cent. of the appropriations
was for constituencies represented by
government members. The Dwyden
roads found in a most deplorable
condition for the amount of money expended
on them.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite described the
member for Delta as the end man for
the Liberal effect. He added to the
charges in the House as including also
"wind-bag."

Referring to the assertion of the mem-
ber for Nanaimo as to the request for
cheap labor, he charged that the mem-
ber for Delta appeared in the report as
a member.

Mr. Oliver took exception to the false
statements. He said that he had denied
being a member of the delegation.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite took exception
to the references to the Socialists in the
House by members of the opposition
party. He proposed to give them some
of this back. The Socialists came into
the House as the representatives of the
wage earners only. So long as the govern-
ment left the wage earners alone the
Socialists would not object. If the govern-
ment endeavored to extract revenue from
a rich Jew it mattered not to him
so long as the government left the wage
earners alone. The government was
striking the right men, the class of cool-
ie and speculators. Their representatives
in the Liberal party raised a great squall
over it. The merchant class would also
be pressed, and properly so.

The Liberal party he described as a
jelly fish, which reached out its tentacles
for the treasury benches. He did not
know whether or not a modern doctor
could with a foot lancet find even an
appendix.

Coming to the alleged application for
a coal license by the member for Green-
wood, he charged that that member
was holding a prospect, thus debaring
a bona fide prospect from it.

The member for Greenwood took oc-
casion to deny that he had given per-
mission for his name being used in this con-
nection.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite wanted to know
how the government could increase the
revenues without increasing taxation.

On the Fernie matter, he said that
very Liberal seemed to wreck his re-
venge on the member. This was unfair.

The member for Fernie had obeyed the
law and thus sat in his seat. But, like
the Socialists, he had blocked the
way of the Liberal to the treasury
benches. It would be a calamity to the
wage earners of Fernie if the member
for Fernie were removed from the House
and E. K. Smith returned. The Lib-
eral wanted that matter referred to a
judge, a good Liberal judge, for a de-
cision.

The member for the Islands seemed to
think that there was need for abundance
of labor, of cheap labor. Labor was
now too plentiful and too cheap in British
Columbia.

The Socialists had kept their pledges
to the wage earners of the province. The
Liberal party had not. That party was
pledged to reform. But not a single
reform had been introduced with the ex-
ception of those introduced by the govern-
ment. One Liberal reform had been
introduced. The modest member for
Delta had introduced an act to prevent
the poisoning of tom cats in his con-
stituency.

Premier McBride, alluding to the sup-
port of the Socialists, said he was "proud
of the company of these men." The So-
cialists were loyal Britishers who were
proud of their country. They were
ready to sink many of the little differ-
ences and to stand by their
pledges and sustain the Conservative
party in power as long as the policy of
the party was in the interests of the
country. Their constituents who had
sent these Socialists members to the
House had reason to be proud of them.
These members had shown a keen and
intelligent appreciation of the measures
brought up.

Dabbling in Dominion politics, the Pre-
mier took exception to Hon. Senator
Templeman not being given a portfolio
at Ottawa. He contended that as long
as British Columbia's claims to recogni-
tion were denied so long would British
Columbia be refused better terms. If
better terms were not soon given it would
become the greatest issue in provincial
politics. He had recently received a let-
ter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and when
he had before the House he believed that
they would all agree that that gentleman
had the same old answer, and that was
that they took no stock in the presenta-
tion of the case from this province.

The Liberal party had not needed to
the wish of the people of British Colum-
bia in totally excluding the Chinese. It
simply increased the head tax to \$500
and allow all who could to enter.

R. L. Drury said the Minister of
Finance himself said it was total exclu-
sion of the Chinese and no revenue would be desired.
But the Premier proposed to
dismiss the subject.

Coming to the financial situation, he
depreciated a parade of the fact that

British Columbia was in a bad way
financially. He repeated the statement
that Ontario was paying five per cent.
on a short loan. The opposition had
failed to accept his challenge to give
the names of financial institutions which
would come to the rescue of the prov-
ince. The government had made the
best possible bargain.

The Premier also justified the legis-
lation introduced by the government as
important, and as not justifying the criti-
cism of the leader of the opposition that
unimportant legislation only was being
offered by the government of the day.

With respect to the coal and oil lands
in Southeast Kootenay, he said the govern-
ment had arrived at a decision and had
announced that as soon as the time
for disallowance expired the matter
would be dealt with. He thought that
he had made it clear, but the opposition
endeavored to take advantage of this to
test the loyalty of a few members of the
Conservative party.

In closing he made atonement for all
his past mistakes and proceeded to make
a statement that the member for Delta
negotiated with him for a seat in his cab-
inet.

Mr. Oliver took exception and said
that he had never negotiated for a seat
in his cabinet.

The Premier proceeded further to say
that the member for Delta had negoti-
ated with him for a cabinet position if a
composite government was formed, but
when he was forced to form a party
government that member withdrew him.

Mr. Oliver again repeated his denial
and asked the Speaker to enforce the
rule.

The Premier thereupon said he would
drop the matter.

In the financial policy the government
had tried to do its best under the cir-
cumstances. No one realized when a
few years ago the money was expended
with such a liberal hand that a crisis
was so near.

On the railway question he said that
he was not going to propose subsidies for
railways without business being meant.
Time and time again legislation was
passed to give business to railways, and
how many miles had been built? It
had become a farce and a humbug.

Within a very few days he would be
able to explain to the House what he
proposed to be done with the railway
schemes. He had, he thought, sixteen
schemes before him. The delegations he
had listened to within the past two
weeks seemed to have more merit in their
schemes than any he had listened to be-
fore. Only railway legislation which
will give tangible results would be
brought down.

In preparing the estimates no differ-
ence had been made between constitu-
encies represented by Liberals or Con-
servatives. He did not punish Chil-
liwack or even Delta. There was no dis-
crimination. The money was not avail-
able to do all the work desired. (Gov-
ernment applause.)

John Houston did not know whether
or not it was the lateness of the hour
or the monotony of the speech he had
heard which made him drowsy. He
thought it was the latter, and therefore
moved the adjournment of the House.

The motion carried and the House ad-
journed at midnight.

Notices of Motion.

On Thursday next—Mr. Macgowan to
ask leave to introduce a bill intituled
"An Act to amend the Medical Act,
1898."

By Mr. Ross on Thursday next—"That
in the interests of higher education it
is desirable that the means for the in-
troduction of a scheme whereby a univer-
sity may be established within the prov-
ince of British Columbia should receive
the early consideration of the govern-
ment of this province."

Hon. Mr. Wilson to move, in commit-
tee of the whole on the bill intituled
"An Act to amend the Land Registry
Act Amendment Act, 1903," to amend
section 2, line four, by adding at end of
line "and by adding to said section 5
the following subsection:

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registered estate outstanding in respect
of the same shall be deemed to be can-
celled as to said forfeited estate or in-
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Lady Smith	11.55	9.44	Nanaimo	5.55
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Y. M. C. A., 19; F. Y. M. A., 11.

Last evening at the Y. M. C. A. annex hall a match was played between the Y. M. C. A. and F. Y. M. A. junior league teams, resulting in a victory for the former by a score of 19 to 11 points. The game was fairly evenly contested, and at the start there wasn't much to choose between the opposing aggregations. Players on both sides checked closely, but before long they loosened to a certain extent and scoring followed. Bowes and Summers, of the Y. M. C. A., proved better shots than the opposing forwards. There was some excellent combination on both sides.

After the game Hinkson Siddall took the boys to the Regis restaurant and entertained them right royally for the remainder of the evening. Needless to say, his hospitality was appreciated.

The present standing of the junior league follows:

Played	Won	Lost	Points
Y. M. C. A.	4	3	16
Clarendale	2	2	4
Victoria West	3	2	4
F. Y. M. A.	4	0	4

PRACTICE TO-MORROW.

To-morrow evening at the F. Y. M. A. hall a junior practice will be held, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

INTERMEDIATES TO PLAY.

To-morrow evening an intermediate league match will be played between the Y. M. C. A. and F. Y. M. A. teams at the Y. M. C. A. annex hall, corner of Broad and Pandora streets. It is reported that the Fernwood team has been strengthened to a considerable extent and is confident of defeating the Y. M. C. A. boys. As the latter have a first-class team an exciting match is anticipated.

THE PROVINCIAL LEAGUE.

A provincial league game will be played at Vancouver on Saturday between the Nanaimo and Sixth Regiment teams.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA V. GARRISON.

The first of the local series of provincial league matches is scheduled to be played at the Caledonia grounds on Saturday next between the Victoria and Garrison teams. Play will commence at 3 o'clock sharp.

The line up of the soldiers' team will be entirely altered from that which contested the city league games. One of the Garrison men, speaking of the eleven, said: "We have a better team than has yet represented the Work Point Garrison. Only two or three of the old players will be among the new eleven, the majority having left for Hongkong. All we want is practice. Of course a lot of players strange to each other cannot get together and immediately put up a first-class game. However, we are training hard and hope to be in first-class condition to meet Victoria on Saturday."

To all enthusiasts the fact that this is the first time the Garrison eleven will play here, and is also the opening game of the provincial league, will make Saturday's game doubly interesting.

SATURDAY'S GAME.

To the Sporting Editor—I notice in the Times of the 25th, under the football heading, the report that the game between the Columbia and the Victoria was a very rough one. You must know that a great many people who did not see the match would come to the conclusion that the match was a case. I can positively assure you that the only roughness that I witnessed was the weather and the misunderstanding between J. Lorimer and Falkland. The former I could not very well suppress, but the latter I quickly did.

I have, I am thankful to state, yet to referee a game where the play was rough. At any time that I notice the slightest inclination of horse play I quickly put it down.

It is perfectly true that I should have heard what the two players had to say with regard to the little Fitzsimmons attitude. As it happened, when my eye was on them I did not hesitate to send them both to the fence. I came to the conclusion that by so doing it would help to put such excitement down in games to be brought off.

Now with reference to the injury to L. York, I am convinced that the player who charged him was well within the bounds of the game, and I have seen far worse charges given to the same L. York and he withstood them like the true player he is. I am absolutely assured everyone that the game was one without any bitter feeling shown by either team, with the exception of the above, which is liable at any time and in any exciting game. Knowing, as everyone does, the rivalry between the

two teams I should have been surprised if I had not to do some checking up. The players, one and all, know that I will not stand any roughness while I am in charge, and I am sure that they were all well acquainted with the fact by the way they played. I have been requested to write you on the subject, and by inserting this letter in the sporting column you will greatly oblige.

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PRACTISING TO-DAY.

Members of the Young Men's Christian Association are holding a practice this afternoon at Beacon Hill. Play commenced at 3 o'clock promptly.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

MATCH ON SATURDAY.

It is expected that a senior league match will be played at the Terminal City between the Nanaimo and Vancouver teams on Saturday next. If the latter fifteen wins this game they have captured the championship of British Columbia for the season 1903-04. In that case on the second Saturday of February (the 13th) a match will take place between a combined Victoria and Nanaimo team and the champions at the Caledonia grounds.

HOCKEY.

VICTORIA V. NANAIMO.

On Saturday at the Oak Bay grounds two games are arranged to be played between the Nanaimo and High school teams and boys' teams. These will be return matches, the local eleven having played at the Coal City several weeks ago.

One of the members of the High school club writing the Times says: "That the pupils of the High school are fully convinced of the value of outdoor sports is shown by the programme outlined for Saturday. Two teams, the boys' and the girls', are coming from Nanaimo to meet the High school devotees of hockey in what is expected to be one of the finest exhibitions of the game seen here this season. The girls have an exceptionally strong team as will be seen by a glance at the following list of players: Misses Cameron, E. S. Spencer, Corbett, Eberts, Sommerville, Erskine, Dalby, Lowe, Greene and Mowat. The Nanaimo team comprises Misses Priestly, Dawson, Johnston, Akenhead, Teague, Gibson, Kirkman, Webb, Doheson, Calverly and Howe, all seasoned players. Every game interested in sport should be at the Oak Bay grounds on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 sharp, when the girls' game will be played, to be succeeded later by that of the boys."

At practice on Saturday B. Schwengers unfortunately strained the same leg that was injured last season in a rugby football match. On this account he will be unable to play for Victoria in the remaining matches of the senior league. This will be a great loss for the local eleven. At centre-forward Schwengers was in his element. He has the weight, speed and accuracy in shooting necessary for the player occupying that position, and will be hard to replace.

ATHLETICS.

J. B. A. A. CLASSES.

Physical culture classes were commenced in connection with the J. B. A. A. on Monday afternoon and evening. Sgt. Paley, R. G. A., taking charge in place of Sgt. Dunn, who is laid up with a broken collar bone. There was a good attendance.

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Per steamer Iroquois from Nanaimo—Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. J. W. S. Springlett, A. Gray, Mrs. Sargent, W. N. Shaw, James Pritchard, G. S. Mount, A. Nabore, Rev. Mr. Payne, W. H. Smith, Mr. Musgrave.

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Per steamer Iroquois from Nanaimo—Dixie H. Ross & Co., T. Earle & Co., J. F. Mosher, Gower & Wrigleyworth, Jno. T. Rick, Vail, Pack Co., J. H. Todd & Son, Vail & Co., B. C. Market Co., Johns Bros., J. Crosson, S. J. Pitts, R. Baker & Son, Vail & Brooks, R. P. Rithet & Co.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., December, 1903.
(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Victoria, B. C., January, 1904.

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Many women are denied the happiness of children through derangement of the generative organs. Mrs. Beyer advises women to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered with stomach complaint for years. I got so bad that I could not carry my children but five months, then would have a miscarriage. The last time I became pregnant, my husband got me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After taking the first bottle I was relieved of the sickness of stomach, and began to feel better in every way. I continued its use and was enabled to carry my baby to maturity. I now have a nice baby girl, and can work better than I ever could before. I am like a new woman."

Mrs. FRANK Beyer, 22 S. Second St., Meriden, Conn.—same paper if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

FREE MEDICAL ADVICE TO WOMAN.

Don't hesitate to write to Mrs. Pinkham. She will understand your case perfectly, and will treat you with kindness. Her advice is free, and the address is Lynn, Mass. No woman ever regretted having written her, and she has helped thousands.

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Victoria Building Society

The 10th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Friday, 29th January, at 8 p.m., at Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad Street.

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W. Jones
Dominion Government Auctioneer.

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New Pile and
Brussels Carpets,
Rugs

Direct from Dundee, Scotland, Will be
Sold on
Tuesday, 2 p. m., Feb. 2nd
No reserve.
55 BROAD STREET.
W. JONES,
Auctioneer.

AUCTION.
FRIDAY, 29th, 2 p. m.

I am instructed to remove to salerooms,
77-79 Douglas street, for convenience of
sale,
Valuable and Almost New
FURNITURE
New Cutlery, China, Etc.

Couch and Rockers in Corridor; Centre
and Occasional Tables, Oak Book Case and
Writing Desk Combined, Almost New Par-
lor Set in excellent condition, Hattan
Chairs, Arm Chairs, Oak Cabinet, Extension
Dining Table, Half-Dozen Dining Chairs,
Sideboard, Maple Wardrobe, Birch Bed-
room Suite, Bureaux and Washstands with
Bevel Plate Mirrors, Enamelled Bedsteads,
Woven Wire, Box and Top Mattresses,
Toilet Ware, Blankets, Pillows, Oilcloth,
"Cottons," Carpet Squares, Kitchen Treas-
ure, Crib, Blinds, Clothes Wringer, Lawn Mow-
er, Crockery, Cooking Utensils, Heating
Cooking Range with Water-Cell, Heating
Stoves, etc.

Wm. T. HARDAKER, Auctioneer.

LIVING CANADA.

Fine Series of Moving Pictures Will Again
Be Shown Here.

The Montreal Gazette has the following
to say of "Living Canada," the splendid
series of moving pictures which will be
presented at popular prices on Friday, Sat-
urday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, with
a matinee on Saturday afternoon:

"Living Canada," which is to remain an-
other week at the Windsor hall, is some-
thing that nobody should miss. It is not
to be supposed that the splendid moving
pictures which during the past week have
delighted thousands, relate altogether to
the Dominion. But it must be said that
the best part of the entertainment does
bear directly on the Dominion. That new
ride on the front end of the P. R. loco-
motive through the Alpine scenery of the
Rockies, is something to be remembered
with unfeigned pleasure. To those who
have actually viewed the awful beauty of
the Selkirk, the glaciers, the Cascades,
the Canadian Matterhorns, and Jungfraus,
and Everests, with their high, high, high
clouds, the thrilling ride is an un-
speakable delight. It did not require the
aid of imagination or memory, you heard
the exhaust of the locomotive, you saw the
single track following the bend of the swift-
rushing stream, curving around jagged
points of rock, ascending steep, blue-
glaciered, and the whole scene was before
the silver creek hundreds of feet below as
the train rumbled over a trestle. You noticed
the telegraph poles whizzing by. You even
heard the shouts of the men in the bridge
gangs and the extra gangs, as they stood
waving their hands to the Imperial Limi-
ted. And then you saw the blackness of a
tunnel before you, and in a few moments
you were out into another panorama of
mountain beauty. You could hear the click
of the lumberman's axe, and the swish of
the log as it slid down the slide into the
great log current on its long voyage to
the Fraser. And all the time was heard
the exhaust of the giant locomotive now
laboring up grades of one in eighty-five,
and now the hiss of the air-brake reservoirs
preparatory to swinging down hill at a
more than a mile a minute gait. But all
too soon the picture changed, and we were
watching the salmon fishery at work, and
the salmon packers in the big factories put-
ting up the finished product in tins for dis-
tribution throughout the world.

"The feature of this week's exhibition is
"Hawatha," a series of views of the play
performed by real Indians at Inesbarron,
Ontario, and it is most interesting to all
who appreciate the charm of Longfellow's
poetic story. The patriotic and comic pic-
tures always provoke the most applause."

Chilblains Cured
by Foot Elm

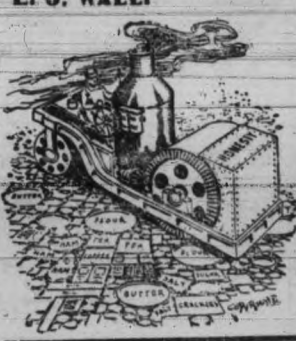
Foot Elm is the great Foot Doctor. It
gives great relief to inflamed feet. It
makes shoes easy. It promptly cures
Chilblains. It prevents leather from
cracking. It only costs 25c. for 18
powders at your Druggists, or postage
free by mail. V. Stott & Sons, Bow-
manville, Ont.

The three small children of Henry
Reisinger, of Rockport, Ohio, were burn-
ed to death in a fire that destroyed the
farm house on Tuesday. Mrs. Reisinger
was fatally injured.

"CLARK'S LUNCH TONGUE"
is the housekeeper's friend, always ready
in an emergency, always welcomed on
the table. Try it. W. Clark, Mfr., Mon-
tréal.

Three Hot Drinks: Tomato Brazer
Clam Cocktails, K. P. O. Wine. Try
them.

E. J. WALL.



JAP SHIPS HELD
FOR WAR SERVICE

THREE OF VICTORIA
LINE LAID OFF RUN

Capt. Ona, of Tosa, Also Wanted by
Government—Victoria Witnesses
Are Sought.

That the war spirit in Japan has as-
sumed alarming proportions may be in-
ferred from news received through the
arrival of the Nippon-Yusen Kaisha liner
Kaga Maru, which came in from the
Far East this morning. Not a single
European passenger came in the ship.
When the steamer sailed from Yokohama
it was feared that hostilities would be-
gin in a few days, and Europeans, fear-
ing that the vessel might be overhauled
by some Russian gunboat en route, re-
fused to take passage on the ship. Cap-
tain Ona, who had charge of the liner
since she was placed on the British Col-
umbia and Puget Sound run, received
notice at Yokohama that his services
were immediately required, and to re-
lieve him of his duties on the trans-
Pacific liner, Captain Parsons was sum-
moned to take command of the steamer.
Capt. Ona belongs to the Japanese naval
reserve, and in the event of war will be
given charge of some of the Japanese
transports. The government is now hold-
ing a number of these vessels in readi-
ness for service in event of trouble, and
have reduced the line which runs to Vic-
toria by three, these being the Rikioji
Maru, Tosa Maru and Aki Maru. Ac-
cording to officers of the Kaga Maru, these
steamers are not likely to be seen in
these waters again for some time. In
addition the government has taken over
all the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liners on
the Australian route and a number of
those running to Europe.

When the Kaga arrived this morning
the officers and members of the ship's
crew were very anxious to learn the
latest regarding the situation. They ex-
pected that war would have been de-
clared before this, and were somewhat
disappointed when being informed that
negotiations between the two powers
were still going on.

The Kaga made the trip across the
Pacific in 16 days. She brought but two
passengers in her cabin, a Japanese
newspaper man who is editor of the
Japan in America, published in New
York, and a Japanese merchant. For
Victoria the steamer brought in the
average eight Japanese, one European
and one Chinaman, and for points be-
yond 38 Japanese. The cargo of the
steamer included 282 packages of raw
silk, valued at \$12,813.

WANT CANADIAN WITNESSES.

Inspectors Whitney and Turner, who
are conducting the investigation as to
the cause of the Chilian disaster, have
written to the survivors of the ill-fated
vessel at present in Victoria and other
Canadian cities, requesting them to be
present at the next session of the board
on Thursday, says the Seattle Post-In-
telligencer. "As it was impossible for
the inspectors to subpoena witnesses out-
side of the United States this was the
only action possible, but the inspectors
think that the witnesses desired will ap-
pear."

"If the Canadian survivors of the dis-
aster are present at the next or subse-
quent meetings of the board, they will
complete the total of witnesses desired
with the exception of one man at present
in Michigan. It is improbable, the in-
spectors say, that they will summon
him."

CASE APPEALED.

"It is reported that the Canadian Pa-
cific railway has appealed against the
verdict of the Shanghai Admiralty court
which found that the steamship Empress
of India was responsible for the sinking
of the Chinese cruiser Quantai off
Hongkong several months ago," says the
Vancouver Province. "In its judgment
the court concluded that as the India
was the overtaking vessel she was re-
sponsible for the collision, and as such,
liable for the damages sought. The Chi-
nese government paid for \$200,000, and
it is reported that that amount was award-
ed."

MARINE NOTES.

News comes from the South of an ac-
cident to the steamer Spokane on
Purkin bar. The vessel in going over
the bar punctured her false bottom and
sustained damage to the extent of \$25-
000.

E. A. Sims, of Port Townsend, has re-
turned from San Juan country, where he
boarded the Clallam's Texas and pilot
house on last Saturday. He said: "It
was floating in Mitchell sound, at the
upper end of San Juan Island, and is
still intact. Notwithstanding the great
amount of hammering it has received
against the rocks, the effects of which it
plainly shows, it is still perfectly
sound."

Tur Alied is reported to have run
ashore at the entrance to False creek,
and to have sustained considerable dam-
age. She had a crew of 100 men and
was also said to have piled up
on the shore.

W. A. SMITH.

A DEAD LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE
Our ever present policy of honesty has
brought our stock of

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To that condition, and it will be main-
tained. New customers can rest assured that
the quality of the goods we sell is not
after the first few orders are filled. Our
standard of perfection is not on a sliding
scale, but fixed at the highest. Prices,
however, are lowered down till nothing but
a shadow remains.

Windsor Grocery Co.,
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RALPH SMITH AT
COLQUITZ HALL

SPLENDID MEETING
THERE LAST NIGHT

A Resolution Endorsing His Candidature
Was Carried Unanimously Amid
Enthusiasm.

One of the largest and most enthu-
siastic gatherings ever held in Colquitz
hall was addressed last night by Ralph
Smith, M. P., and a number of others.
The hall was crowded to the doors, and
all the speakers were accorded flattering
receptions. The chair was occupied by
John Chandler, and besides Mr. Smith
the speakers were George Riley, M. P.,
Henry Tanner, M. P., P. E. Thos. Heydon,
Jas. S. Yates and John Piercy. Mr.
Smith spoke for an hour, his address
dealing with matters of moment to the
people as a whole and to the farmers in
particular. The speech was punctuated
at intervals by outbursts of applause.

The chairman opened the meeting with
a few remarks, and then called upon
Mr. Tanner to speak. Mr. Tanner de-
voted himself to some length to the in-
creased burden of taxation imposed upon
the farmers in consequence of the recent
iniquitous enactments of the local gov-
ernment, explaining how the various fea-
tures affected their interests.

Mr. Heydon, the next speaker, spoke
briefly, and in the course of his remarks
took occasion to pay a high tribute to
Mr. Smith, the representative of the dis-
trict, making special reference to the
independent stand taken by him in the
House. His devotion to the public wel-
fare had won for him the confidence of
the country and his party. He moved
a resolution to the effect that the people
of this district having noted with ap-
preciation the work of Ralph Smith, M. P.,
in the Dominion parliament, took pleasure
in endorsing his candidature for the
prospective Dominion election, and
pledged themselves to give him their
strongest support. This was carried amid
great enthusiasm.

Mr. Smith, who rose to respond, was
splendidly received. After acknowledg-
ing the warmth of the greeting and the
confidence the meeting reposed in him, he
turned his attention to the question of
developing the province by better trans-
portation facilities, which were specially
conducive to the prosperity of the farm-
ers. Efficient transportation created the
centres of population, and the big cen-
tres of population determined the suc-
cess of the farmer, as they became his
market. He then took up the Grand
Trunk Pacific project, showing how the
people would be practically in possession
of a transcontinental railroad. The un-
derlying intention of the government evi-
dently was that in time the people, by
their ownership of the road, would oper-
ate it themselves. This was provided by
the government in retaining the eastern
portion.

Mr. Smith then went into the pro-
visions of the Grand Trunk Pacific rail-
way bill, and also the railway com-
mission bill, which brought not only the
Grand Trunk Pacific but all the railways
of the country under the control of a
strictly independent commission. He
showed that except in the case of the
roads held by this commission, was an evi-
dence that the government intended that
the operations of the roads should be de-
veloped in the interests of the people.

One of these evidences was the power
giving the government control over the
freight and passenger rates, and by strict
regulations insuring the safety of the
public and the protection of the farmers
with regard to drainage, fires and cattle
guards.

Mr. Smith further said that a close in-
vestigation into the Dominion govern-
ment administration of affairs for the
past six or seven years would easily dis-
close the superiority of the present party.
He wanted the very best, and he was
convinced that the people would support
the Liberal party when it came before
them for re-election.

George Riley, M. P., was then called
upon and was loudly applauded. He
made special reference to the deep in-
terest manifested by Mr. Smith in all
kinds of labor questions in the Dominion
House, at the same time commending him-
self with every national question that
came before parliament. He spoke most
highly of the independence and loyalty
to the interest of the people shown by
Mr. Smith with respect to all matters
that came up in the Federal House.

David Stevens then moved a resolution
urging the Dominion government to ap-
point a minister with portfolio from this
province. The motion was seconded by
James S. Yates.

Mr. Smith, speaking briefly in support
of the resolution, paid a high compli-
ment to Senator Templeman, and ex-
pressed his strong conviction that no
man in this province was better qual-
ified to represent the interests of the peo-
ple of British Columbia as a minister
than he. Mr. Smith further stated that
he would use his influence in the direc-
tion outlined by the motion. The motion
was carried unanimously.

Refreshments were provided by the
ladies, and the remainder of the evening
was given up to a social time, the
evening being terminated with three
cheers for Mr. Smith and the National
Anthem.

YEAR'S WORK HAS
BEEN MAPPED OUT

A GOOD MEETING OF
TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Will Do Its Utmost to Increase Number
of Residents of City—Communi-
cations Dealt With.

His Worship Mayor Barnard presided at
a meeting of the executive of the Tourist
Association held in the rooms, Fort street,
yesterday afternoon. There were also pre-
sent: Messrs. A. Henderson (Victoria Trans-
fer Co.), T. M. Henderson (Henderson
Bros.), H. B. Thomson (Turner, Beeton &
Co.), J. E. Wilson, Geo. Carter (Carter &
McCandless), B. S. Heisterman (Heister-
man & Co.), E. C. Smith (assistant city
treasurer), hon. treasurer, and the secre-
tary, Herbert Cuthbert.

The meeting was a protracted one, last-
ing about two hours, and many important
matters affecting Victoria's future prospe-
rity were dealt with.

The advertising of the city will be car-
ried on, if possible, even more vigorously
than in the past. The executive will not
be content to confine this to visitors only,
but strong measures will be taken to at-
tract those who have sufficient means to
engage in fruit culture, dairy farming,
poultry raising, or to engage in any manu-
facturing or commercial business that is
not now established or in which additional
help and capital is required. To increase
the number of residents will be the main
burden of the future work of the associa-
tion.

A large number of communications were
dealt with at yesterday's meeting, many of
them from all over the continent asking
for literature and information about this
city.

A letter was received from the Tacoma
Chamber of Commerce asking the associa-
tion to co-operate with it in their effort
to have the Princess Beatrice make daily
calls at Tacoma.

The secretary was referred to Capt. Tomp-
kins, who was in charge of the transfer of
the C. P. R. to the secretary to inform
the Tacoma chamber of this action and to
state that this city would be very pleased
to have a closer connection with that city.
Geo. Hadfield, secretary of the Montreal
Board of Trade, wrote, acknowledging re-
ceipt of twenty-four photos of Victoria for
the purpose of issuing with other views
of this city in an album to be used as a
souvenir of the trip of the Fifth Chamber
of Commerce of the Empire to Victoria.

Paul Beyrout wrote asking the support
of the association in his efforts to establish
a lifeboat club. The objects of such a
club were heartily approved by the
meeting.

H. Dallas Helmcken wrote calling atten-
tion to the contemplated visit of the mem-
bers of the Dominion Medical Association
to Victoria and Vancouver in August next,
and suggesting that their visit be made as
pleasant as possible.

The secretary reported in this connection
that he had called upon the secretary of the
Medical Association while in Toronto last
year and urged their visit to the Coast,
and had supplied him with a large amount
of literature. He had also sent an invita-
tion to the association at their last meet-
ing, through the secretary, Dr. Elliott.

The following letter was received from
the Pacific Coast Steamship Company:

San Francisco, Jan. 16th, 1904.
Mr. Herbert C. Cuthbert, Secy. Tourist
Association, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:—Your favor dated 19th Dec.
this company gives a wide distribution of
any folders, tourist books and excursion
literature, in all of which Victoria is repre-
sented. This probably does not come be-
fore your notice from the fact that the
matter is distributed throughout California
and the Eastern states.

It will be pleased to have you communicate
to your executive in the same manner
as much representation as any other
point, and are getting out as much tourist
literature as our business will justify.

Yours truly,
E. D. DUNNAN.

In connection with this matter the secre-
tary stated that this did not cover what
was asked for from the company. There
are thousands of people in San Francisco
who would be only too pleased to take a
trip to Victoria in summer, both for the
vacation and the change of climate, if the
P. C. S. C. made more of their 5-day boat
service here than they did. It was not
sufficient that Victoria be advertised as a
stopping place in their Alaska excursion
business, but as a resort in which an entire
vacation can be spent. The executive in-
structed the secretary to impress this view
upon the company as strongly as possible.

The secretary of the board of trade re-
ported that a committee of the board had
reported in favor of a publication on fruit
growing and poultry raising. This was in
reply to a request made some time ago
that the Board of Trade compile a pam-
phlet setting forth the various industries
that could be started in Victoria with ad-
vantage and profit, and also setting forth
the possibilities of fruit growing, poultry
raising and dairy farming around here.

The association is being asked every day
by intending settlers the questions as to
a pamphlet could answer, and the execu-
tive instructed the secretary to urge the
Board of Trade to issue it as soon as pos-
sible.

A communication from the Agent-Gen-
eral's office in London was received as fol-
lows:
Salisbury House, Finsbury Circus, E.C.,
London, 23rd December, 1903.
Herbert Cuthbert, Esq., Secretary
Tourist Association, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:—I am directed by Mr. J. H.
Turner to acknowledge receipt of your let-
ter of 14th inst., and say he will be very
glad to have a selection of unmounted
photographs of both sizes for the albums
and walls of this office, and also for Cana-
dian exhibition at the Crystal Palace and
other shows.

The principal British Columbia papers are
kept regularly on file here, but special Vic-
toria and Vancouver news is very accepta-
ble. A further supply of the excellent "Pic-
turesque Victoria" would also be very ac-
ceptable. It attracts a great deal of at-

tention and numbers have already been
distributed to intending visitors and set-
tlers.

I am, dear sir,
Yours faithfully,
J. A. TURNER,
Secretary.

This was left over until next meeting,
inquiries to be made in the meantime as to
what photos can be obtained that are most
suitable.

The suggestion made by W. T. Oliver,
manager of the Bank of Montreal, at the
annual meeting on Thursday last was also
discussed and referred to a standing com-
mittee, which will also have in charge the
negotiations to secure the Dominion ex-
hibition for Victoria.

The following standing committees for the
year were also struck: Finance, hotel and
sea bathing, summer attractions, printing,
rooms, and transportation.

The new supply of the excellent books of
the association were ordered to be gone on
with at once. No change will be made in
the small one, but the large one will be
brought right up to date. The reading
matter will be altered very little, but some
half-dozen excellent new half-tone engrav-
ings will be inserted in place of some of
the old ones. Special prominence will be
given for the first time in every book is-
sued in Victoria to the possibilities of fruit
growing around the city, and two pages of
engravings on this subject will be included.
It will appear in a brand new cover of the
souvenir order, and entitled "An Outpost of
Empire," and will no doubt be received
with the same favor as when it was first
issued over a year ago.

The value of having new blood imported
into an association of this character was
evidenced by many new and practical sug-
gestions that were made with reference to
some forms of advertising, etc. The new
members present were very gratified to
know that in all things they can rely upon
the co-operation and help of last year's
executive, who strove so hard and success-
fully to make the association a success.

The secretary submitted a copy of this
month's Coast Magazine, in which there
are some excellent illustrations of Victoria
supplied by the association.

Many other matters of a routine character
were dealt with, and the meeting ad-
journed.

—The board of trade will hold a
special general meeting on Friday evening
next at 8 o'clock to receive the report of
the special committee regarding the
proposed incorporation of harbor commis-
sioners and consider other business.

—Yesterday afternoon the funeral of
the late Mrs. Martin took place from the
residence of her mother, Kane street.
Services were conducted at the residence
and grave by W. Gillis, and there was a
large attendance of sympathizing friends.
The pallbearers follow: Messrs. R.
Cole, F. Prehall, H. Bennett and R.
Dickson.

—A mining deal in which Victorians
are interested was completed in Seattle
on Monday. It involved the transfer of
properties on Spruce creek, Atlin, cover-
ing a frontage of eight hundred feet,
from C. Walker and O. Ferguson, of this
city, to the Spruce Creek Mining Com-
pany, the consideration being a substan-
tial figure. Among the Seattle prin-
ciples in the purchasing company has been
after for some time as its acquisition was
necessary to the exploitation of their
own holdings. Now that it has been
acquired the company intends operating
on a large scale this season.

—Last evening the annual meeting of
the Victoria Poultry Association was
held at the secretary's office, corner of
Government and Johnson streets. It
was decided, after some discussion, to
defer the election of officers for two
months. Owing to the resignation of
Mr. Christie, who has occupied the position
of secretary for the past two years,
W. A. Jameson was appointed secretary
pro tem, and Mr. Christie was selected to
be the Board of Trade in answer to a
communication asking the costs and pro-
fit of poultry breeding in British Colum-
bia. This step is being taken for the
purpose of inducing settlers to take up
this line to a greater extent than at
present. All prize money won at the re-
cent show will be paid on application to
the resigning secretary-treasurer.

Reserve Force
In these days of hurry and worry and
little most people, men and women, are
living up to the "limit." That is to say,
they use up day by day all the force and
energy nature provides, and consequently
have nothing in reserve to meet the extra
demands of illness, bereavement, or other
nervous shocks. Of course, this is all
wrong and we must either live different-
ly or assist nature to furnish the reserve
force we should always possess.

It is easy to say live differently, but
most people find that the demands of
their business or social position render
it practically impossible, and we must
accept the other alternative and give
nature a helping hand. In no other way
can this be done so effectively as by tak-
ing a course of

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ALMOST LIFELESS.
Sorry Pledge in Which Chinaman Was
Found in Cabin Off Burnside Road.

Cold and almost lifeless, with nothing
covering him but a couple of sacks, a
Chinaman was found in a lonely cabin
about seven or eight miles from the city,
on the Burnside road, by Officer Johnson,
of the provincial police, yesterday after-
noon. The man has been missing from
Chinatown for the last 14 days, and
notices of his disappearance have been
given in Chinese posters for several days.
He was a wood chopper, and up till yester-
day had not been seen since prior to the
last snowfall. Officer Johnson had been
notified of his condition by Mr. Porter, who
lives in the neighborhood, and who in turn
had been informed of the lonely occupant
of the cabin by someone who by chance

had peered into the hut and had seen the
speechless creature stretched out on the
floor. The constable on going out to the
cabin found the Chinaman as described.

He brought him to the Chinese hospital,
where, with warmth and proper nourish-
ment, the Chinaman soon gained strength.
After being cared for for some time, the
unfortunate fellow was able to explain
how he came to be in the building. He
had been overtaken by the snowstorm, and
having little clothing he went into the hut
for shelter. He had little food, and when
found, there was absolutely none in the
cabin. From a long period of starvation
the man has been reduced from a big
stout Chinaman to that of an emaciated
figure.

BORN.
JOYCE—At Fernie, on Jan. 18th, the wife
of Richard Joyce, of a son.

ROBBINS—At Fernie, on Jan. 18th, the
wife of W. O. Robbins, of a daughter.

TAYLOR—At Fernie, on Jan. 18th, the wife
of A. Taylor, of a daughter.

DIED.
WILSON—At Ashcroft, on Jan. 25th, John
Wilson, aged 70 years.

BUTLER—At Croydon, England, on the
18th inst., C. H. Butler, formerly of this
city, son of Mr. H. Butler, South Croy-
don, England.

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